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In re Application of :
Strokbroekx et al. :
Application No. 09/998,975 :
Filed: October 19, 2001 :
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JAB-1669 :

This is a decision on the Petition to Accord Correct Filing Date, which is properly treated under 37 CFR § 1.10(d), filed June 18, 2003, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of October 19, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of November 19, 2001.

Petitioner alleges that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on October 19, 2001. Petitioner has filed the appropriate documentary and corroborating evidence from the USPS demonstrating that October 19, 2001 was the date the correspondence was deposited Express Mail Post Office to Addressee.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. No fee is necessary.

This application file will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of the filing date to October 19, 2001.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.

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